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AMERICAN ISSUES FORUM American Issues Forum is a program developed under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Humanities and co-sponsored by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

The Forum consists of a calendar of nine monthly and 36 weekly issues that have been fundamental to American society throughout our history. The calendar topics are designed for serious and coordinated nation-wide exploration during the Bicentennial year, beginning in September, 1975.

Libraries can be the centers of information and places where persons may read and study about the issues. The American Library Association has printed two reading lists, one adult and one juvenile, of titles that are useful in background study of the 36 weekly sub-topics. Public libraries can feature displays of materials and hold the public discussion meetings at the library.

Montana State Library will be mailing copies of both reading lists to each public library in the state. The reading lists should reach you before the end of July.

LSCA GRANTS Montana State Library Advisory Council and the Montana State Library Commission met on Saturday, May 24, 1975, at the State Library in Helena to act on applications made by local libraries for Library Services and Construction Act funds.

$123,854 was given to libraries in the form of grants.

Priority was given to projects which served (1) areas with a high concentration of persons with limited English speaking ability; (2) urban and rural areas with high concentrations of low income families; (3) economically or culturally disadvantaged persons, and (4) persons residing in areas which are without public library services or in which such services are inadequate.

Grants were made to the following federations and to Montana Library Association:

Big Sky Federation, Lewis & Clark Library, Headquarters, to extend service to Jefferson County - $12,000.

Pathfinder Federation, Great Falls Public Library, Headquarters, to extend service to Blaine and Liberty Counties and Fort Belknap - $32,650.

South Central Federation, Billings Public Library, Headquarters, to develop a Spanish language collection - $2,250.

Sagebrush Federation, Miles City Public Library, Headquarters, to extend service to Wibaux and Prairie counties and to extend service in impacted Colstrip area - $30,854.

Montana Library Association, for a Union list of serials - $25,000.

Golden Plains Federation, Glasgow City-County Library, Headquarters, for collection development - $13,700.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION — American Library Association meets in San Francisco June 29-July 5, 1975. Theme of the Conference is "Looking Forward to 1976." Highlights of the meeting include a series of discussions on "Libraries and the Life of the Mind"; a workshop on communication called "Communication Dynamics: From Barrier to Breakthrough" led by Eva Schindler-Rainman; a session on the White House Conference on Libraries and the plan for a national inventory of libraries; a panel discussion on "Small Libraries and Service to the Disadvantaged"; "Media Programs: District and School" presented by Jane Hannigan; and "Prospects for Consensus in Cataloging of Nonprint Materials."

RIGHT TO READ — The National Right to Read effort has as its goal to ensure that by 1980 99% of all school-age children under 16 years of age living in the United States and 90% of all those over 16 will possess and use literacy skills.

Right to Read maintains a three-pronged strategy - (1) the establishment of demonstration programs; (2) designation of Right to Read states (administered through state education programs), and (3) initiation and support of national impact programs or special emphasis projects.

Under the demonstration phase Right To Read has funded more than 200 school and community programs for preschoolers, school children and adults. Thirty-four institutions of higher education received grants for teacher preservice programs.

Currently there are 31 Right To Read states committed to give reading the highest priority. After training state directors, over 1,000 local reading directors were trained. Sixty thousand teachers are receiving inservice training on basic criteria for effective reading programs.

The national impact program is geared to reach massive numbers of people through materials dissemination and informational/promotional activities.

For more information, contact: Right To Read Office, Room 2131, 400 Maryland Ave. S. W., Washington, D. C. 20202.

INTERLIBRARY TRAINING INSTITUTE — Forty-four persons representing 12 states met recently at Peaceful Valley, Colorado, to participate in a WICHE/USOE training institute on interlibrary cooperation. Representing Montana were Alene Cooper, Great Falls Public Library, Bob Cookingham, Billings Public Library, LaVern Kohl, Montana State Library, Monica Kittock, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Erling Oelz, University of Montana.

The long-term objectives of the institute are: improve the delivery of library service through training leaders for interlibrary cooperation and networking; train these trainers to train other librarians in these processes of resource sharing.

WIBNET — The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is seeking funds from the Council on Library Resources to help finance the first phase of a proposed Western Interstate Bibliographic Network (WIBNET) which would make bibliographic information availabel to 17 western states and British Columbia.

The participants would be given access to a composite data base of machine readable bibliographic information.

It is hoped that a single network can combine the 2 existing readable systems (BALLOTS at Stanford and the Washington State Library Network) and the centers at Seattle, Denver and the California State Library.

PNLA CONFERENCE

The sixty-fifth Pacific Northwest Library Association conference will be held August 17 through August 20 at Mountain Village, Huntley Lodge and Convention Center, Big Sky, Montana. The theme of the conference is "You and the Shrinking Library Dollar." Excursions to Yellowstone Park and the nearby area are scheduled during the conference.

For registration and reservation forms contact: Mrs. Marjorie Brister, PNLA Conference Registration, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

MONTANA HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION NETWORK

During the Montana Library Association meeting, the health sciences librarians of the state met and discussed mutual concerns. It was agreed that the established program of inter-dependence and cooperation between hospital and clinic libraries had been successful and should be continued. There was also general agreement that ten pages of photocopy would be supplied free of charge by hospitals and clinics. Additional pages would be billed at 10¢ per page.

Mrs. Ethel Hill announced that she would be leaving Montana State Library in June, but that health sciences services would continue to be available through the State Library.

The second edition of the Union List of Health Sciences Serials will be ready early in June and requests may be sent directly to the nearest resource library shown on the list. If a journal is not available in Montana, requests should be directed to the Health Sciences Library at the University of Washington (including verification of source).

Jim Ekendahl, Assistant Director, Health Sciences Library, University of Washington, came to Montana to assist Mrs. Hill in holding five workshops throughout the state. The workshops were held in Kalispell on May 12; Helena May 14; Great Falls May 16; Glasgow May 19 and Billings May 22. The workshops were well attended, particularly in Kalispell, Helena and Billings, and information was distributed on new developments in the network and in the use of audio-visuals in continuing education.

Mr. Ekendahl and Mrs. Hill visited hospitals along the route and talked with administrators and library personnel. It was evident that progress was being made in development of collections in most of the hospitals, and that hospital personnel were becoming more aware of the important library services available.

DOCUMENTS LIST

State Documents in the Montana State Library as of December 31, 1974, is now available upon request from the Montana State Library, 930 East Lyndale, Helena, Montana 59601.

POOLED RESOURCES COLLECTION

The Pooled Resources Collection is a program to provide storage for lesser used items in federation libraries.

Periodically a federation weeds its shelves of materials for which it no longer has an immediate use, or a library joining a federation wants to make space available for materials from the headquarters library. The librarian can send the main entry catalog card for each book to be stored directly to the "Pooled Resources Collection." If there are no copies pooled, or if there are not copies in sufficient quantity, the books will be added. If sufficient copies are already available in the PRC, then the duplicate copies would be listed and the list circulated to universities, colleges and

research or special libraries. If the books are uncataloged, a simplified main entry card listing author, title, publisher and date should be prepared for each title. Please clip the catalog card to the title page.

The Pooled Resources Collection is made possible by the Billings Public Library's willingness to use some of its expansion space as a storage center. Montana State Library Commission has provided a grant of $12,375 from Library Services and Construction Act funds to develop the project.

The Pooled Resources Collection has been receiving books since January, 1975.

Boxes of books should be addressed to: Pooled Resources Collection, South Central Federation of Libraries, Billings Public Library, 510 No. Broadway, Billings, Montana 59101.

MLA Montana Library Association held its annual conference in Missoula May 1-3. The keynote speaker was Dr. Peter Hiatt, Director, School of Librarianship, University of Washington.

A workshop format offered a variety of topics including "The Author and the Library", "The Child and the Library", "The Preservation of Local History", "Networks and Interlibrary Cooperation" and "The Mapping of Montana."

Plans were laid for a statewide cooperative newspaper indexing and for a statewide union list of serials. Erling Oelz of the University of Montana Library staff and John Mason, Cataloger, Historical Society Library, are coordinators of these projects.

K. Ross Toole addressed the final banquet at which Mrs. Kay Griffith, Book Order Librarian, University of Montana Library, was installed as the new President.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTITUTE On February 9-14, 1975, an institute sponsored by the University of Washington was held for professional librarians at the University of Washington Lake Wilderness Continuing Education Center in Maple Valley, Washington. Representatives from public and state libraries in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana attended. Montana's four participants included Clint Desonia, Director of Lewis & Clark Library, Helena; Kay Courtnage, Reference Librarian at Great Falls Public Library; Mollie Mattison, Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian at Billings Public Library and Lynne Stevenson Assistant Reference Librarian at Montana State Library.

Entitled "The Information Needs of Urban Residents: A Strategy for Public Library Change," the institute emphasized the elements of communication, as well as specific political and social techniques for instigating change in library situations. A three-member teaching team utilized small group work, case studies, games and simulation exercises to help participants experience and understand the uncertainties and difficulties of management, communication and change.

Participants can pass on similar insights and experiences by simulating parts of this institute in their own respective state's libraries. Each participant expects to receive a packet of tapes and accompanying information for such instructional purposes.

YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume and published by E. P. Dutton has been voted the winner of the 1975 Young Reader's Choice Award sponsored by the Children's and Young Adult Division of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. Over 20,000 children in the Pacific Northwest voted from a ballot of 12 titles published in 1972.

Second and Third place titles were John Fitzgerald's Great Brain at the Academy (Dial) and Mary Rodgers' Freaky Friday (Harper).

For a list of the 1976 nominees and voting procedure, send a stamped, addressed envelope to: Young Reader's Choice Award, School of Librarianship, FM-30, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195.

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS — The following Statement of Professional Ethics was accepted at 1975 American Library Association Midwinter Conference:

A Librarian:

has a special responsibility to maintain the principles of the Library Bill of Rights.

should learn and faithfully execute the policies of the institution of which one is a part and should endeavor to change those which conflict with the spirit of the Library Bill of Rights.

must protect the essential confidential relationship which exists between a library user and the library.

must avoid any possibility of personal financial gain at the expense of the employing institution.

has an obligation to insure equality of opportunity and fair judgment of competence in actions dealing with staff appointment, retentions, and promotions.

has an obligation when making appraisals of the qualifications of any individual to report the facts clearly, accurately, and without prejudice, according to generally accepted guidelines concerning the disclosing of personal information.

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA AWARD — A $5,000 prize for the most outstanding programs at the elementary level is being offered to school systems submitting applications for the 1976 School Library Media Program of the Year.

The award is co-sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and the Encyclopaedia Britannica Companies.

Top winner of the 1975 competition was Rochester (N.Y.) City Schools. Finalist citations were presented to three other nominees: Missoula (Montana) Public Schools, Shelby County Schools, Memphis, Tennessee, and LaCrosse (Wisconsin) Area Public Schools.

The 1976 awards will be made during National Library Week, April 4-10. Any school system - public, private or parochial - is eligible to apply.

For application forms, write to American Association of School Librarians, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Illinois 60611. Completed applications must be submitted no later than November 17, 1975.

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